



**Lake Owasso at Muriel Sahlin Arboretum**

Nice design, Thanks to Beth Oelke, Mary Fowler, Irene Brink, Char Ethen, Joanne McCarthy, and Kirsten Engelbrecht and anyone I may have missed.

***Member Tours***

Please consider sharing your garden on a member tour this summer. We are looking for members to share their gardens in June, July or August. You can email Rebecca Patient at [bbpatient@gmail.com](mailto:bbpatient@gmail.com) if you are interested. Don't be shy!! We love to look at your gardens.

Thanks, Rebecca

***Lake Owasso Garden Club***

***JULY***

## ***TOUR TIME***

### **Monday July 14th: 5:30**

Tour of member Angie Hoffman-Walter's garden at 2074 Cleveland Avenue North, Roseville, MN followed by **6:30** Lake Phalen Shoreline Restoration Project: Meet on the West side of the lake on the plaza of the Beach House. This is next to the largest parking lot and is the first right turn off of Phalen Drive at Wheelock and Johnson Parkway. Put on your walking shoes and be prepared to tour the lake with our guide, Simba Blood. Simba is a Natural Resources Technician with the Ramsey-Washington Metro Watershed District. We will view native and wild flowers that have been part of this project.

### **Monday August 4th 11-12:30**

Tour of Noerenberg Gardens in Orono Mn on the shores of Crystal Bay, Lake Minnetonka. The address for Noerenberg Gardens is 2865 North Shore Drive Wayzata, MN 763-559-6700.

Known for its tranquility and beauty, Noerenberg Gardens is regarded as one of the finest formal gardens in the state.

### **Monday August 11th 6PM**

Tour of member Char Ethen's garden at 2897 West Owasso Blvd, Roseville followed by **7PM** Tour the shade garden of member Vatsala Mennon at 3489 Milton Street North Shoreview

## ***Presidents Message***

Dear Gardening Friends,

What a wonderful tour of the mega Hosta gardens. I loved the focus on yellow Hosta's in the front yard. That light foliage against his dark house really popped. Then in back the blue accents brought in with yellows made the garden livelier. It's amazing the beauty created with foliage. Gives me more to think about as my gardens will morph over the years.

I took a decompression vacation at home after I retired in early June, which spilled over into a vacation from doing a June's president message. At the end of June I met with Rebecca Patience, Beth Oelke and Rose Diestler to plan the flower show. We've each taken on duties and the 'Traveling Down a Country Road' schedule is now complete and attached. It's going to be so much fun to share flowers (horticulture division) and flower arrangements with the public and the residents. Rebecca sent out publicity and the Roseville and Little Canada Review has already announced our upcoming show.

I will give a short class in flower arranging including a lab when you create a design using your favorite container. The class is for anyone that would like more practice on arranging. See the article later in the newsletter.

A big shout out to Char, Mary F., and Beth who designed and planted the elevated, triangular planter just inside the Roseville Arb entrance. It looks fabulous! The annuals filled in quickly to give a lush tropical look.

Another big shout out to Kirsten for her interview in the Horticulture magazine. She has received emails from people interested in our club after reading her article. No contact info was in the article, but people found her on the Internet. Yeah, Kirsten!

Efforts like those help grow our club. The StarTrib newspaper had an article on how some garden clubs have retooled to lure in new members. Here is the web address for the article if you haven't seen it:

<http://www.startribune.com/lifestyle/homegarden/263505711.html#FRxCUMgAo2spRhuI.97>

Let's put on a great flower show the weekend of July 19-20. The residents will call in their children to view the blooms and those driving down Hamline will stop in when they see our Flower Show signs.

From your grateful gardening friend,

Wendy Lucas

***Treasurer Report, --- Balance of \$9605.26***  
*Beth Oelke*

***Secretary Report (May)***

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Our Plant Sale will be May 16 & 17, with set-up on the 15th. Ron brought a nice selection of plants that will be available at the sale.

Set-up on Thursday will be from 1-3:00. The sale may go until 2:00 on Saturday, depending. A flyer attachment from Kirsten can be printed.

Summer Tours June 7th Nursery tour in Wayzata

June 17<sup>th</sup>, Craig Peterson's in Oakdale

Flower Show At Rose Point July 18, 19 & 20th Set-up will be July 18th from 2:00 to 4:00

Rose Point will set up tables & take down tables.

More information will be sent out. We may partner with Rose Point for advertising.

Roseville Arboretum Beth, Char and Patti Sullivan shared the plans they developed for the garden we planted last year. May 20th will be the planting date.

Extra Money in Budget This item will be discussed again in September.

Bev Montain, Acting Secretary

***Entering a Flower Show Class 101***

Would you like a chance to try arranging flowers before the show or see how to enter a flower stem in a horticulture class? Come to Wendy's home on Monday, July 7 at 7 p.m. Bring containers, frogs or oasis, flowers and clippers. You will get a quick lesson and then you can practice making your own arrangement. We will meet the kitchen or porch depending on the weather. If you do not have flowers to spare in your garden, stop by a store and pick up a small bouquet. Give me a quick call or email (phone preferred-482-8592) if you plan on attending. If you do not get in touch with me, come anyways. You are always welcome and sometimes someone plans to attend and then last minute cannot make it.

Driving Directions: from Rice Street go east on County Road C for .5 mile. Turn left on Jessica Court. Follow the road to the end of the cul-de-sac, my house (69 Jessica Court) is on your left. When you turn onto Jessica Court the house numbers are like 2659. Do not panic. The road turns and the numbers drop down to 75. Call me if you want to discuss directions: 651-482-8592.



## ***FLOWER SHOW! FLOWER SHOW!***

Yes, the flower show is right around the corner and we are going to have a ball. Join the fun. Anxious? That's normal. Know that you will survive. Give it a try. You can do it and you will be so glad you did.

Nothing like entering a nice looking bloom and going home with a ribbon. The most important part when entering horticulture (a stem with a bloom and hopefully a leaf with few holes) is that the stem and blossom are clean. Use a soft brush to clear any dust or soil. Enter as many different stems as you can. Each stem must be a different cultivar ... for example you could enter one 'Becky' Shasta daisy, one 'Brightside' Shasta daisy and one 'Crazy Daisy' Shasta daisy and possibly win three ribbons on three different daisy cultivars.

Right now you have enough time to take a picture of a flower, a garden and a flower with wildlife (a butterfly, hummingbird, dragonfly). Make a 4 by 6 print and bring it to the show Friday from 4-7 p.m. or Saturday morning 8-10 a.m.

Then be bravest of all and make a design, a flower arrangement. You can gather materials from your yard, your neighbor's yard or a farmer's market. Greens in your arrangement could be iris leaves, peony leaves and Hosta leaves. Do you need some height? Just cut some branches from a tree and strip off the leaves. Twigs can add that interest you want. Don't forget to look in ditches and 'wild' areas for dried weed seed heads or pods for your container. Do not add accessories like figurines.

As you may know, you get the best results if you harden off the plant material before you either put it in a green bottle for horticulture division or cut it to size for a flower design. Here's how you harden off cut flowers:

1. Cut stems in the cool of the day, if possible.
2. Re-cut the stems under water before placing them in a container with water a little warmer than room temperature. Be sure no leaves are below the water.
3. Put the container of flowers in a dark place for at least 2 hours. I use my bedroom closet with the light off and a towel in front of the door to keep light from creeping in. A closet in the basement would even be better since it is cooler.
4. Then you can take the flowers out of the closet and cut the stems to the length you want.

## **LOGO CONTEST!**

Most groups have a logo and it's time for us to develop our own. It will catch eyes on the Cross Pollination web page and become an identifier in our handouts for plant sales, parades and flower shows. Sharpen your pencils and sketch our new logo. You know our club, think about a logo that displays our focus and mission. Don't worry about not being an artist; the sketch does not have to be perfect. Dick Flipp has a friend with the skill to create the final rendition of our logo. We need your ideas.

Submissions will be collected at our January and February meetings. You can submit one or more ideas. With each sketch submission enclose a paragraph explaining how the logo identifies our club. If you will be out of town, mail it to me or any friend in the club. (Wendy Lucas, 69 Jessica Ct., Little Canada 55117)

Who will be the judge? I'll be looking for a committee of people to narrow down the entries to the top three or four. The plan is to scan those images and explanatory paragraphs in the March newsletter so we can study them before we vote at the March meeting.

Besides bragging rights, a gardening prize will be awarded for the winning entry. We have a club of creative people who are amazing. I'm excited to have us create our own logo!

Wendy Lucas,

President of LOGC



## **AIN'T SHE SWEET!**

*In a previous issue I told the story of the 97 year old lady that on two occasions asked “Do you have a shovel” and I obliged to load her tiny buckets up with woodchips. I am still amazed that at her age she is still going to the compost site to get mulch.*

*Well I was back today after the recent storms had given me cause to cut up some tree limbs and return to the compost site to unload a trailer load of limbs and branch's. I had just begun to unload the first and very heavy limb when I was treated to “Do you need some help” - yes, you guessed it. She must be 98 now but she was offering to help me unload my trailer with a beaming smile. Oh, what a day!*

## **Plant 'Imagination'**



### ***Maltese Cross is blooming now!***

Maltese cross is *Lychnis chalcedonica*. The derivation of the plant's common name is easily seen if you compare the flower structure to Maltese cross graphics. Other common names include "London pride" and "Jerusalem cross."

# *Taste That!*

## Raspberry Chipotle Sauce



**Prep Time:** 10 Minutes

**Cook Time:** 30 Minutes

**Ready In:** 1 Hour

**Servings:** 8

"Lots of hot jalapenos, brown sugar, and fruity berries make an addictive sauce that tastes great on salmon, chicken, pork, or just about anything."

### **INGREDIENTS:**

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| 2 tablespoons olive oil                    | 2 (6 ounce) containers fresh raspberries |
| 2 large jalapeno peppers, seeded and diced | 1/2 cup apple cider vinegar              |
| 2 cloves garlic, minced                    | 1/2 teaspoon salt                        |
| 4 teaspoons adobo sauce                    | 1/4 cup brown sugar                      |
|  | 1/2 cup white sugar                      |

### **DIRECTIONS:**

1. Heat olive oil in a skillet over medium heat. Stir in jalapenos; cook until tender, about 5 minutes. Mix in garlic, and adobo sauce; bring to a simmer. Stir the raspberries into the sauce; cook until soft, about 3 minutes. Stir in the vinegar, salt, brown sugar, and white sugar. Mix well. Simmer until thickened and reduced by half, about 15 minutes. Transfer sauce to a heatproof bowl; allow to cool to room temperature before serving, about 20 minutes.



The **new** website is up and running – please check it out!!

<http://www.crosspollination.weebly.com> Once there, There you will find a link to:

The **new** Lake Owasso Garden Club website: <http://www.lakeowassogc.weebly.com>

On our LOGC website you can link to our **Facebook** site

Or, you can start out at the new LOGC website and go to crosspollination! It's so easy.

### Our Google Doc

[https://docs.google.com/spreadsheet/ccc?key=0AvDTcsB\\_CgstdE81dUVQNEFrBINUSDBWd250QlpGYWc](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheet/ccc?key=0AvDTcsB_CgstdE81dUVQNEFrBINUSDBWd250QlpGYWc)

### Address and directions for our meetings--

Presbyterian Church of the Way  
3382 Lexington Ave North,  
Shoreview MN 55126

### Newsletter submissions

We welcome pictures (please title, include latin names of plants), news items, and commentary, preferably via email to [raflipp@comcast.net](mailto:raflipp@comcast.net) **Deadline** is by the **25th of each month**. I will try to get the newsletter out on the first of the month.

Also, remember our club's **Facebook** page. It is a great place to post pictures and share what's in bloom.

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